

## REMARKS

This reply is responsive to an Office Action dated on July 16, 2003.

Restriction has been required to one of three groups of claims. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction. Applicant believes that the three groups of claims are so closely related that no additional searches are required. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are earnestly requested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing traverse of the requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects claims 31-61 of Group I.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are earnestly solicited.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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